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TAGS: CZ, GW, PBOR
SUBJ: ATTEMPTED HIJACKING OF BUS TO FRG

FRG EMBASSY INFORMS US THAT THREE OR FOUR CZECHS ATTEMPTED TO HIJACK A BUS LOADED WITH THIRTY SCHOOL CHILDREN ACROSS THE CZECHOSLOVAK BORDER INTO WEST GERMANY THE EVENING OF MAY 23-24 AT POMEZI/SCHIRNDING. THE ARMED MEN WERE STOPPED AT THE BORDER, WHICH WAS IMMEDIATELY CLOSED TO NORMAL TRAFFIC, AT ABOUT 8 P.M. LOCAL TIME TUESDAY. NEGOTIATIONS TOOK PLACE BETWEEN CZECHS, THE HIJACKERS AND FRG BORDER AUTHORITIES, WITH CZECH AUTHORITIES ATTEMPTING TO EXTRACT AN ADVANCE PROMISE THAT CULPRITS WOULD BE ARRESTED AND EXTRADITED IF ALLOWED TO PASS THROUGH BORDER AS THEY DEMANDED. FRG AUTHORITIES STATED INTENTION TO ARREST HIJACKERS, BUT WOULD NOT COMMIT THEMSELVES TO RETURNING THEM WITHOUT DUE PROCESS OF LAW. FINALLY, AT ABOUT 2 A.M. WEDNESDAY, BUS PROCEEDED THROUGH CZECHOSLOVAK BARRIERS, BUT BEFORE IT REACHED FRG TERRITORY, IT WAS STOPPED BY AN ARMED VEHICLE, POSSIBLY A TANK, AND SURROUNDED BY TROOPS WHO COMMENCED FIRE. FRG BORDER GUARDS REPORTED THAT THREE OR FOUR BODIES WERE REMOVED FROM THE BUS ON STRETCHERS. CZECHOSLOVAK AUTHORITIES INFORMED GERMAN
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COUNTERPARTS THAT NO CHILDREN HAD BEEN INJURED. BORDER WAS REOPENED AT ABOUT 8 A.M. WEDNESDAY.
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